

In the Senate of the United States,

May 17 (legislative day, May 15), 1995.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 483) entitled “An Act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. PERMITTING MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES TO***
2 ***BE OFFERED IN ALL STATES FOR AN EX-***
3 ***TENDED PERIOD.***

4 *Section 4358(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation*
5 *Act of 1990, as amended by section 172(a) of the Social*
6 *Security Act Amendments of 1994, is amended to read as*
7 *follows:*

8 *“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made by*
9 *this section shall only apply—*

1 “(A) in 15 States (as determined by the Sec-
2 retary of Health and Human Services) and such
3 other States as elect such amendments to apply to
4 them, and

5 “(B) subject to paragraph (2), during the 5 year
6 period beginning with 1992.

7 “(2)(A) The Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 shall conduct a study that compares the health care costs,
9 quality of care, and access to services under medicare select
10 policies with that under other medicare supplemental poli-
11 cies. The study shall be based on surveys of appropriate age-
12 adjusted sample populations. The study shall be completed
13 by June 30, 1996.

14 “(B) The Secretary shall determine during 1996
15 whether the amendments made by this section shall remain
16 in effect beyond the 5 year period described in paragraph
17 (1)(B). Such amendments shall remain in effect beyond
18 such period unless the Secretary determines (based on the
19 results of the study under subparagraph (A)) that—

20 “(i) such amendments have not resulted in sav-
21 ings of premiums costs to those enrolled in medicare
22 select policies (in comparison to their enrollment in
23 medicare supplemental policies that are not medicare
24 select policies and that provide comparable coverage),

1 “(ii) there have been significant additional ex-
2 penditures under the medicare program as a result of
3 such amendments, or

4 “(iii) access to and quality of care has been sig-
5 nificantly diminished as a result of such amendments.

6 “(3) The GAO shall study and report to Congress, no
7 later than June 10, 1996, on options for modifying the
8 Medigap market to make sure that continuously insured
9 beneficiaries are able to switch plans without medical un-
10 derwriting or new pre-existing condition exclusions. In pre-
11 paring such options, the GAO shall determine if there are
12 problems under the current system and the impact of each
13 option on the cost and availability of insurance, with par-
14 ticular reference to the special problems that may arise for
15 enrollees in Medicare Select plans.”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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